

Pre-Authorized Giving Form Elerslie Road Baptist Church (ERBC)

Pre-authorized giving plans are an easy and convenient way to make regular donations in a variety of settings. For example, most mission agencies use this type of plan to facilitate regular gifts for missionaries. Funds are withdrawn automatically from a financial institution on a day determined by the donor. By filling out this form you will be able to make your gifts to ERBC in the same way.

Why does ERBC offer this plan?

This plan promotes some Biblical values. The apostle Paul writes that our giving to God should be regular, proportional to our income, generous and joyful. (See 1 Corinthians 16:2 and 2 Corinthians 9:5-7).

Are there any other benefits?

A pre-authorized giving plan is efficient and may eliminate some costs of writing a cheque. It is also a good way of ensuring your stewardship commitment is met when you are away on vacation, out of town on business, or absent from the church for some other reason.

How will charitable donation receipts be handled?

Each gift will be credited to your charitable donation account and a receipt will be issued in January of each year for donations received in the previous year.

Will my gifts be confidential?

Yes! All electronic funds transfers include a high level of data encryption. The bank sends only summarized information to us, with no detailed individual banking information available to non-authorized personnel. The program will be run through one person in the church office, and stringent confidentiality procedures similar to those currently in place will be maintained. All records will be secured (both electronic and hard-copy), and all computer files will be uniquely password protected.

What about special appeals or gifts “over and above” my regular commitment?

You may want to interpret the pre-authorized giving plan as a way of fulfilling the Old Testament teaching on tithing i.e. your regular commitment to God’s ministry at ERBC. Special offerings or “over and above” gifts may then be understood as a further outward expression of a deep inner devotion to the Lord. We encourage you to make the pre-authorized giving plan your regular commitment (your “tithe”), and then give additional offerings as the Lord provides and directs. These offerings may be given by a one-time adjustment in your giving plan or simply by writing a personal cheque.

How do I sign up for this new plan?

Fill out the next panel of this form and return it to the office. Please include one of your personal cheques marked “VOID.” Withdrawals will commence in the month following your enrollment in this program. The office will notify you of the date of your first withdrawal.

Return completed forms to Financial Administrator.

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Name

Address

City

Prov.

PC

Email

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Yes, I want to participate in the ERBC pre-authorized giving plan.

Amount to transfer: \$ _____

Frequency:

- Day _____ of each month
- Every two weeks
- Other (specify) _____

Please schedule my first withdrawal for:

Date:

My current envelope # is _____

I understand a confirmation will be sent to me before my first transfer of funds.

A sample of my voided cheque is enclosed.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

My authorization to charge my account in the amount indicated above at my bank shall be the same as if I had personally signed a cheque to Ellerslie Road Baptist Church. This authorization shall remain in effect until I notify ERBC in writing that I wish to end this agreement, which I may do at any time.

Signature:

Signature: (if second signature required)

Date:

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